

Centreville, New Castle, Co., Del.

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Prof. A. Gray

Dear Sir:

I send a few specimens of a viola, which I found growing in this County, would you be kind enough to name it for me, it seems to compare with the *V. clandestina*, Pursh, as described in Beck's Botany, or it may be the *V. renifolia*, as I have been perplexed with it for some time, have finally concluded to refer the plant to you for determination, it grows on steep wooded hillsides, under the shade of trees, & also among rocks in about such situations as the *V. rotundifolia* is found (they both grow here, in the same vicinity) the leaves ^{(have) about} resemble the *V. rotundifolia* but are thinner & not appressed to the earth

the flower is white, inodorous, ^{the}
lower petal striped with dark lines.

I also enclose a specimen
(Leaf only) of *Cimicifuga Racemosa*,
a form or variety I found
several years ago Harney as you will
perceive by the specimen sent, a
more dissected leaf.

Yours Truly

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